

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS21559

This legislation amends Section 33-1004E, Idaho Code, to remove future, FY 2013 and beyond, reductions in salary-based apportionment for school district teachers, administrators, and classified support staff that are required in statute. These required salary reductions were included in SB 1184 (2011) and were intended to generate General Fund savings to pay for a portion of the Students Come First education reforms.

This legislation also provides that any increased funds appropriated for Public Schools in FY14 will first be used to pay for growth and the statutory cost of Pay for Performance, Public School Technology, the next implementation phase for 1-1 mobile computing devices in high schools and the Dual Credit for Early Completers Program, prior to funding increases for any other items within the Public Schools budget. It also requires that the minimum teacher salary will increase at twice the rate of base salaries in the future, after both the base and minimum salary have re-attained their FY 2009 funding level, as opposed to 1.5 times the rate, as is currently provided in law.

FISCAL NOTE

The fiscal impact would require alternate sources of ongoing General Funds to replace the required reductions in public school salary-based apportionment. The estimated amount of General Funds that would need to be identified during the next five fiscal years (FY 2013 to FY 2017) would be \$34,747,500.

For the current FY 2012, the reduction of -1.67% and (\$14,764,800) has already occurred and will be in place until such time that available funding may allow for replacement and deletion of this reduction.

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